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MFA CYPRUS-GREEK DIRECTOR GENERAL TULUMEN, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH ECEVIT ON CYPRUS POLICY, MET WITH POL COUNS JANUARY 12 AND PASSED ON SOME GENERAL ADVICE FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW ECEVIT GOVERNMENT. HIS ADVICE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS WELL WORTH YOUR ATTENTION, FOCUSED ON THESE MAIN POINTS:

--ECEVIT, IMMEDIATELY ON TAKING OFFICE, MADE MAJOR MOVES IN THE DIRECTIN OF US OBJECTIVES. IT IS UP TO THE US TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RECIPROCATE; IF IT WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ECEVIT, IT CAN BEST RECIPROCATE NOT WITH ANY MEASURE THAT WOULD IMPLY LINKAGE BETEEN ECEVIT'S MOVES AND US DEMANDS, BUT INITIALLY BY SENDING SECRETARY VANCE OR NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI TO TURKEY TO MEET WITH ECEVIT VERY SOON. ONE CRITICAL ELEMENT BEARING ON TIMING IS ECEVIT'S INTENTION TO LAUNCH A TURKISH INITIATIVE FOR RESUMPTION OF THE CYPRUS

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INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN EARLY FEBRUARY. IDEALLY, WE SHOULD TRY TO OFFER ECEVIT A CHOICE BETWEEN A VISIT BEFORE OR AFTER THE INITIATIVE AND LET HIM DECIDE HOW HE CAN BEST HANDLE IT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE VISITOR.

-- THE US SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS A NEW

GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH IN TURKEY WHICH HAS ITS OWN  
DISTINCTIVE APPROACH TO FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS. THIS  
IS NOT A TIME FOR UNSOLICITED ASSISTANCE BY THE US IN  
THE CYPRUS ISSUE. NOR IS THIS A TIME TO MENTION ANYTHING  
ABOUT PAST PROBLEMS OR ABOUT PLANS WORKED OUT WITH THE  
PREDECESSOR GOVERNMENT. ABOVE ALL, THE US SHOULD BE  
EXTREMELY CAREFUL NOT TO SAY OR DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD  
IMPLY A LINKAGE BETWEEN ECEVIT'S ACTIONS AND US POLICY  
OR OBJECTIVES.

--BUT THIS IS A TIME FOR THE US TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH  
A STRONG PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECEVIT AND THE  
LEADERSHIP OF THE US GOVERNMENT. THE PEOPLE THAT  
ECEVIT WANTS TO TALK WITH ARE THOSE HOLDING TOP OFFICIAL  
POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT: PRIMARILY SECRETARY VANCE  
AND BRZEZINSKI.

--THIS IS ALSO A TIME FOR THE US TO PUT ITS  
HANDS IN ITS POCKETS AND WATCH WHAT ECEVIT CAN DO TO  
GET PROGRESS STARTED. AFTER A HIGH-LEVEL VISIT, ECEVIT  
MAY WANT TO ASK THE US TO HELP.

--ECEVIT HAS NOT YET SHOWN MUCH INTEREST IN THE  
DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA). HE IS TRYING TO  
RESOLVE CYPRUS IN ORDER TO GET THE DCA PASSED. NEVERTHE-  
LESS, ECEVIT IS READY TO TAKE A MAJOR INITIATIVE EARLY IN  
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FEBRUARY TO START THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND IN SUPPORT  
OF THAT INITIATIVE, IS READY TO OFFER A TURKISH MAP ON  
TERRITORY AND IMPROVED CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS. THESE  
SHOULD CUT THE FEET OUT FROM UNDER THE GREEK AND GREEK-  
CYPRIOT OBJECTIONS TO NEGOTIATE.

--WE WILL SOON HAVE THE BASIS FOR BREAKING THE DEAD-  
LOCK IN OUR RELATIONSHIP AND MOVING TOWARD NEW AND  
STRONG RELATIONS. IT IS CLERLY UP TO THE US TO DECIDE  
FAIRLY QUICKLY WHETHER IT IS GOING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT  
OPPORTUNITY OR WILL LEAVE THIS NEW TURKISH LEADER--  
DECISIVE, DRAMATIC AND OBSTINATE WHEN PUSHED--TO DECIDE  
BY HIMSELF THE DIRECTION WHICH TURKEY SHOULD BE TAKING.  
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